

and boroughs. From the Millers and Lymans to the Hubbards, Coes, and Agurs, the community is still home to many descendants of its founding members—one of the many things that makes this community a special place to live.

Middlefield has a rich agricultural and industrial history that continues to today. In its earliest years, it was settled by farmers and in fact it remains home to one of the oldest family-run businesses in the United States, Lyman Orchards. In time, light industry came to town with a paper mill and later a powder mill coming into operation, followed by factories for nail cutting and pistol making as well as a grist and saw mill. Today, Middlefield is home to the Cooper Atkins Corporation as well as Zygo Corporation and the Cahill & Sons companies.

The Town is also full of beautiful natural resources and protected open spaces. Wadsworth State Park offers a beach and small lake for swimming as well as trails for hiking. It is also home to Wadsworth Falls, one of the largest and finest waterfalls in Connecticut, where the West River falls thirty-five feet and when the river is running high the roar of the falls can be heard for miles around. Pekham Park offers residents and visitors a wide variety of year round activities including ice-skating, baseball, basketball, soccer, and a wonderful jungle gym. On Lake Beseck you can often find the locals fishing or simply enjoying the water. And, of course, at Lyman Orchards you can pick your own fruit in the summer and fall and enjoy apple-picking, the corn and sunflower mazes, and pumpkin fields in the fall.

It has been an honor for me to serve as Middlefield's U.S. Representative these last twenty-five years and I am proud to have this opportunity to extend my heartfelt congratulations to every member of this special community as they celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

CORPORAL, UNITED STATES
ARMY, SUSAN J. YOUNGWORTH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Susan J. Youngworth, Corporal, United States Army, for her service to our country.

Corporal Youngworth served in the United States Army from May 1990 to May 1994. As an Army Medical Specialist, Corporal Youngworth had the opportunity to serve as a combat medic while on active duty, supporting Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, with service in Iraq and Kuwait.

Corporal Youngworth participated in the 2015–2016 Veterans History Project documentary film produced by the students and Westminster High School in conjunction with our office. The film is part of the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP), a congressionally chartered project that works to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans. As a result, my office had the honor and privilege of getting to know Corporal Youngworth and hearing about her experiences as a combat medic. Corporal Youngworth's stories will be submitted to the Library of Congress to forever be preserved in our nation's history.

Corporal Youngworth's courageous service has charted the path for future generations of men and women to serve in the military. I extend my deepest appreciation to Corporal Susan J. Youngworth for her dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF PERRY

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Perry, Iowa for its recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry program (the Forest Service).

The City of Perry has met the core standards for tree care during the past year. Over 135 million Americans live in Tree City USA communities. In its 40th year of celebration, the Tree City USA program is critical to the U.S. Forest Service. This federal partner delivers technical and financial resources to states, cities and communities across the nation with each community adhering to a State Action Plan, guiding investments in each state while accomplishing local projects and programs.

The U.S. Forest Service and Arbor Day Foundation cooperate with communities to establish healthy forests, improve air and water quality and contribute to important national energy conservation goals. These local investments create long term major environmental improvements nationwide. When communities like Perry are recognized it makes me proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress.

I commend the City of Perry and urge my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating them for receiving this award and in wishing the city nothing but continued success.

HONORING UNITED SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the United Senior Citizens Center as they celebrate 42 years of dedicated service to the Sunset Park neighborhood.

Since 1974, this organization has enriched the minds, bodies and souls of seniors in our community.

I'd also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to my good friend Grisel Amador, who has devoted her time and energy to running this center for over 28 years through many challenges. Grisel has truly helped shepherd this institution into a valuable anchor of the community and she should be applauded for all that she does. Grisel and all the Center's workers understand the importance of caring for our senior citizens and treating them with the utmost care and respect.

During these challenging fiscal times when many federal, state and city services are being scaled back, community organizations like the United Senior Citizens Center are all the more important.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the staff and all those involved with the United Senior Citizens Center for their dedication to the seniors of Brooklyn. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on 42 years of service.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES' 14TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO FATHERHOOD BANQUET

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Center for Fathers and Families as friends and supporters gather to celebrate those being honored at the 14th Annual Salute to Fatherhood Banquet. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring the Center for Fathers and Families and these fine fathers.

Founded over two decades ago, the Center for Fathers and Families focuses on promoting the roles that fathers and father-figures play in their families and in our community as a whole. The Center offers many programs and services that aim to enrich and empower fathers and their families. Classes for parents include parenting classes for men, co-parenting classes, anger management classes, and GED preparation and completion, as well as individual personal assistance sessions. Each of these services and transformational programs make the Center for Fathers and Families a cornerstone of our community.

At this year's gala, four men will be honored for their contributions to our community as fathers, father-figures, and mentors. I would like to recognize each of these men, Frankie McDermott, Kevin Ridgle, Peterson Latortue, and Micah Simmons, for their commitment to parenting and mentoring our youth. These men truly model the Center's motto, "Fatherhood is Forever."

Mr. Speaker, as friends and families of the Center for Fathers and Families gather to recognize this year's honorees, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring them for their unwavering commitment to family and to strengthening our community.

CONGRATULATING WAYZATA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Wayzata High School Boys Track and Field team on winning their second consecutive Minnesota State championship.

The Trojans defended their title led by first place finishes by Jaret Carpenter in both the sixteen-hundred meter and thirty-two-hundred meter races, and strong performances from the relay teams. Wayzata used a complete team effort to win the title and I commend them for their accomplishments.